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Applicant: Charles C. Brackett

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HAVING VIRUS PROTECTION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application
is an Amendment After Final Rejection.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

A fee for additional claims is not required.

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has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS:	18	-	29	= 0	x \$50 = 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS:	2	-	3	= 0	x \$200 = 0
				TOTAL FEE DUE \$	0

Our check for payment of the additional claims fee is enclosed.

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of the fee.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any
extension or other fee under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 which may be required
by this paper or credit any overpayment of same to Deposit Account No.
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated May 3, 2005, the Applicant submits the following argument for reconsideration of the non-obviousness of the invention being claimed in the instant patent application.

ARGUMENT

In ¶ 3 of the office action, claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 11-13, 30-32, and 34-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,269,379 to Hiyama et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,694,434 to McGee et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,319,776 to Hile et al. The Applicant traverses this ground for rejection for the following reasons.

Both of independent claims 1 and 30 recite limitations not found in any of the three cited patents, namely, that a registry file contains encrypted data representing a list of